

June 6, 2018

Director Jon Adler  
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U.S. Department of Justice  
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Washington, D.C. 20531

Dear Director Adler,

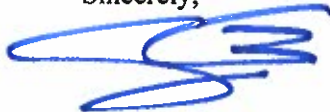
I write in support of the application submitted by Dutchess County to the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program.

As you may know, Dutchess County has one of the highest overdose rates in New York. Since the opioid epidemic started, Dutchess has been at the forefront of addiction and recovery services. To that end, Dutchess has developed a collaborative model for change with the support of a wide range of public and private partners. As such, the County is poised to more fully realize an already expansive collaborative platform than can leverage a multi-sector partnership for the implementation of a wide range of strategic initiatives to reduce opioid-related fatalities.

Award of this application would allow Dutchess County to expand its already impressive cohort of multidisciplinary partners while strengthening its data-driven blueprint for population-based change. Your assistance would allow the County to increase its information sharing program while diversifying the resources and services available to vulnerable populations. Please know, your investment will not only benefit Dutchess County, but will create the capacity for regionalized and long-term sustained change throughout the Hudson Valley.

Therefore, I ask that you give your full and fair consideration to this request. Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter as both are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Sean Patrick Maloney  
Member of Congress